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Claims 1-12 and 14-27 are pending in the present Application. Claims 9, 12, 22, 23, and 26 have been cancelled, and Claims 4, 10, 11, 17, 24, and 27 have been amended, leaving Claims 1 - 8, 10, 11, 14 - 21, 24, 25, and 27 entry of the present Amendment. The claims have been amended to place Claims 17, 24, and 27 in independent form. Claims 10 and 11 have been amended to depend from Claim 4, while Claim 4 has been amended for consistency of language with Claims 10 and 11. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 9 - 12, 22, 23, and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,324, 565 to Leonida. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, to expedite the prosecution and allowance of the present application, Claims 9, 12, 22, 23, and 26 have been cancelled. Claims 10 and 11 ultimately depend from an allowed claim. Therefore, this rejection has been rendered moot.

Information Disclosure Statement

With regard to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 22, 2002, the Examiner has requested that the document 22, which comprises several abstract, list each abstract separately. Hence, Applicants are supplying a substitute PTO form 1449 herewith. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the abstracts and provide Applicants with an initialed copy of the PTO form 1449.

Regarding the Reasons for Allowance

Applicants note that Michalchik, U.S. Patent No. 4,745,301, is directed to pressure sensitive electroconductive materials and a switch comprising the electroconductive material sandwiched between two metal electrodes. The electroconductive material contains carbon micro-agglomerates uniformly dispersed into the elastomeric composition. (Col. 7, ll. 9-11) Michalchik does not teach all of the elements of Claim 19.

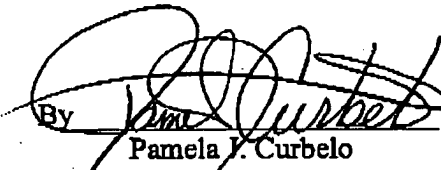
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It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Final Rejection and that the claims herein are allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections, consideration of the IDS, and allowance of the case, are respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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